



Accepting Nominations!

The mission of the Governor's Volunteer Awards is to promote an ethic of service and volunteerism and to recognize volunteer efforts that strengthen communities and improve quality of life for Arizonans.

A panel of judges from across the state will select award recipients. Nominations will be accepted through January 15, 2009 and winners will be announced as early as February 2009. The Governor and Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism will host a reception to honor the 8th Annual award recipients in the spring of 2009.

Award Categories:

Lifetime

Achievement: Given to an individual who exemplifies the ideals of service for at least the past 25 years.

Youth: Given to an individual **17 years of age or younger** at the time of nomination.

Youth Group: Given to a **group of two or more youth, 17 years of age and younger** at the time of nomination. Please describe individual roles and leadership of youth act(s) of service in nomination.

Adult: Given to an individual **18 years of age or older** at time of nomination.

Adult Group: Given to a **group of two or more adults, 18 years of age and older** at the time of nomination. The majority of the group volunteers (75% or more) must not be employees of the organization they serve.

Small Business/ Government

Agency: Given to an entity with **100 or fewer employees**. The award will be given to an entity whose employees volunteer on behalf of the business/government entity.

Large Business/ Government

Agency: Given to an entity with 101 or more employees. The award will be given to an entity whose employees volunteer on behalf of the business/government entity.

**Nonprofit/
Faith Based:** Given to an organization that is registered as a 501(c)3 or 501(c)6 nonprofit entity with the Internal Revenue Service.

**National
Service:** Given to a **current, individual member** of an AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps*VISTA, AmeriCorps National Director, Senior Corps or other national service program in Arizona.

**Service
Learning:** Given to a **practitioner of this teaching method** in a K-12 school, institute of higher education, or nonprofit organization. This award will be given to the teacher/project leader who has helped participants learn academic concepts by participating in thoughtfully organized service that meets community needs.

How to Nominate: Complete application form and no more than 2-page response to essay questions.

Mail, email, fax, hand deliver, or submit online by January 15, **2009**.

Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism

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**8th Annual
Governors' Volunteer Service Awards
Nomination Form**

Check only one for which you are nominating the applicant:

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|---|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime
Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business/
Government Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Business/
Government Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit/
Faith Based | <input type="checkbox"/> National
Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Service
Learning |

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Business or group name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

For Youth Nominees Only: Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Number of Hours Served: _____

Nominator Information:

Name: _____

Business or group name (if applicable): _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

References:

Reference #1: _____ Day-Time Phone: _____

Reference #2: _____ Day-Time Phone: _____

Essay Requirements:

Responses may not exceed **200 words per answer** (total essay not to exceed 1000 words). Additional materials will not be considered. Essay portion may be typed, hand written, or completed online.

1. Overview: Brief summary regarding the volunteer service performed by the nominee.
2. Need: Describe how the service performed by the nominee address a specific need in the community.
3. Action: Describe how the nominee was actively involved and took initiative.
4. Innovation: Describe how the nominee used creative methods to solve community problems.
5. Impact: Describe how the nominee's service produced positive changes and provided an example for others.
Please complete essay with a brief summary statement.

Governor's Volunteer Service Awards Guidelines

Guidelines:

- Volunteers may be nominated by anyone or may nominate themselves.
- Volunteer service must be performed in Arizona and may not include hours served as part of academic credit.
- Nominee's volunteer organization must serve the community at large (not limited to its own members).
- Nomination essay must not exceed 1000 words (two pages).
- In the event that a nominee is submitted multiple times, the review panel will consider only the first nomination from submitted.
- The Commission reserves the right to award one or more honorees and reserves the right to withhold distribution of an award if the Commission deems it appropriate.
- Any youth, adult, group or business compensated by salary or any other means from the organization that benefit from their services is not eligible to receive an award.
- A member of national service programs in Arizona (e.g. AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps*VISTA, AmeriCorps National Director or Senior Corps) is eligible only in the National Service category.
- Previous winners are not eligible for nomination.
- Staff and Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism members are not eligible
- Entries are received in confidence and become the property of the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism and will not be returned.

Judging Criteria:

- Need: Service addressed a specific need in the community.
- Action: The nominee was actively involved and took initiative.
- Innovation: The nominee used creative methods to solve community problems.
- Impact: The activity or service produced positive changes and provided an example to others.

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